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**7 GREAT
STORIES**



THE HULK-TRAPPED ON THE ISLAND OF MADNESS!

THE INCREDIBLE

HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

CAPTURED BY THE HALF-
HUMAN MINIONS OF THE
MYSTERIOUS DR.
SCARABEUS AND BROUGHT
TO HIS PACIFIC ISLAND HOME,
THE HULK HAS NOW
ESCAPED AND FLED INTO
THE WILD JUNGLE...



ALWAYS PEOPLE
AFTER HULK...
NEVER LEAVE
HIM ALONE!

AND EVEN AS THE
GREEK SHINNED
GIANT LOOKS UP...



HERE THEY
COME AGAIN
ALWAYS SAME!

WHY?
WHY?

SCARABEUS HIMSELF IS LEADING
THE HUNT... BUT IT IS FELIX WHO
HAS THE SHARPEST EYES...



LOOK DOWN
THERE... IT'S
HIM!

RIGHT!
CLOSE IN
FAST!



BUT HULK
NOT SO EASY
TO CATCH!



AND...

WHAT IN...?
CLIMB! GET
OUT OF RANGE!

AND ONE SUCCESS SPURS THE HULK
TO GREATER EFFORTS...



WE CAN'T GET
NEAR HIM WHILE
HE'S DOING
THAT!



THEN, MAYBE
WE CAN SCARE
HIM OUT OF IT!



AND...

HE'S RUNNING!
KEEP AFTER HIM
AND DON'T LET
HIM OUT OF
SIGHT!

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BUT THE HULK FINDS THE
JUNGLE GIVING WAY TO
SHEER- RISING ROCK...

IF HE GETS
INTO THAT
CLEFT WE'LL
NEVER GET
HIM OUT!

NOT ALIVE
ANYWAY!

HE'S NO USE
TO ME DEAD,
YOU FOOLS!

BLAST!
TOO LATE!

AND THE HULK FINDS REFUGE...
TEMPORARILY, AT LEAST...

CAN'T LAND
AROUND HERE...
WE'LL HAVE TO
PULL BACK AND
COME AGAIN
ON FOOT!

SAFE...NOW
HULK CAN REST!
TOO TIRED OF
RUNNING!

AND IN THE MINUTES THAT
FOLLOW, A STARTLING
TRANSFORMATION...

IN THE NAME
OF HEAVEN...

DID I GET
HERE?

MUST HAVE
ARRIVED AT THE
HULK... BUT IT'S
SO HARD TO
REMEMBER! I'M
ON A TROPICAL
ISLAND... BUT
WHY?

AND FOR BRUCE BANNER
THERE IS ONLY CONFUSION...

AND STRUGGLING THROUGH
THE JUNGLE, HE FINDS ONLY
MORE QUESTIONS...NO
ANSWERS...

GOOD LORD
WHAT'S THAT?

DOCTOR SCARABEUS!
COME HERE...FAST!

THEN...

A MAN? WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE? WHO ARE
YOU?

OH-OH! THIS GUY
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
HE'S FROM THE
LOCAL GLEE CLUB!
BETTER THINK OF
A STORY QUICK!

MY NAME'S BANNER...
I'M A MARINE SCIENTIST
ON THE S.S. MARY-ROSE
...OR I WAS, TILL SHE
WENT DOWN IN A STORM
THREE DAYS AGO!



NEXT WEEK: MAYHEM ON THE ISLAND OF MADNESS!

ON A MYSTERIOUS QUEST IN CORNWALL, MERLYN'S CHAMPION...

THE BLACK KNIGHT

THE BLACK KNIGHT AND HIS COMPANIONS HAVE PARTED COMPANY AFTER A TREMENDOUS BATTLE WITH CROGLIN AND HIS GOBLIN TROOPS. KING VORTIGEN, KNOWN AS THE WALKER, HAS LEFT FOR THE NORTHLANDS... AND CAPTAIN BRITAIN HAS SAILED OFF TO FACE HIS DESTINY IN ANOTHER WORLD. ONLY THE BLACK KNIGHT REMAINS, WITH THE HOPE OF FINDING MOONDOG THE ELF, CAPTURED IN BATTLE...

COME, VALINOR... WHILE THERE IS A CHANCE THAT MOONDOG LIVES, WE MUST TARRY NO LONGER...

I CANNOT ABANDON HOPE UNTIL HE IS RESCUED!

THOUGH I FEEL THERE IS SOME OTHER REASON FOR MY STAYING HERE WHILE THE OTHERS HAVE DEPARTED...

AS IF ANOTHER CHAPTER OF MY QUEST IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD!

YET BE THAT AS IT MAY... WE DEFEATED CROGLIN ONCE, AND WE CAN DO SO AGAIN... OF THIS I AM CERTAIN!

BUT THE BLACK KNIGHT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARRIVAL OF CORMAC... ONE OF THE SIX WALKERS WHO HAD TURNED TO EVIL WAYS...

TELL ME, LITTLE FRIEND, OF THE THINGS YOU LEARNED FROM VORTIGEN. FOR YOU MUST HAVE HEARD MUCH OF LATE...

I WILL TELL YOU ALL, DARK LORD... FOR I HAVE LEARNED MUCH. FOR INSTANCE, I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO PIERCE BLACK HEARTS WITH ARROWS... AND TO SMASH GOBLIN SKULLS... JUST AS I WOULD SPLIT YOURS WERE I ARMED AND FREE!

A POWERFUL ADVERSARY AND SWORN ENEMY OF VORTIGEN, WHO EVEN NOW HAD TAKEN OVER CROGLIN'S LEADERSHIP...

YOU TRY MY PATIENCE, HALFWIT! I COULD WRENCH THE KNOWLEDGE I SEEK FROM YOUR feeble MIND WITH A SINGLE GESTURE... AND LEAVE YOU GROVELLING ON THE EDGE OF THE ABYSS!

YOUR SIMPLE CONJURINGS ONLY WORK ON THOSE WHO FEAR YOU, CORMAC! TRUE, YOU CAN SUBDUCE A HALFWIT GOBLIN... BUT ENTER THE MIND OF AN ELF AT YOUR PERIL...

ENOUGH OF THESE WORDS, I LET ME. ACH HEARS OF AND ROAST 'IM OVER AN OPEN FIRE!

I GUARANTEE HE'D TELL 'ER EVERYTHING!

ACH, YOU DISGUST ME, CROGLIN!

FOR THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO REACH MY GOAL, TAKE THE ELF AWAY... I HAVE PLANS FOR HIM. AND AS THE TIME WILL BRING EVEN THE PROUD VORTIGEN TO HIS KNEES!

THAT NIGHT... A FULL MOON LIGHTS THE PATH OF THE PROUD WALKER HIMSELF... KING VORTIGEN, STANDING OUT WITH HIS PET WOLF, LURE...

THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE... AND MANY MILES TO COVER. ONLY ON THE NORTHERN SLOPES WILL I FIND THE ROWAN TREE... THE TREE FROM WHICH I WILL FASHION A NEW STAFF, AND MY MAGIC WILL BE RESTORED...



BUT WHAT'S THIS?
ANOTHER PATH THAT
CROSSES MY OWN... A
PATH I'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE?

STRANGE... THOSE
STANDING-STONES
ARE IMPORTANT, THEY
SIGNIFY A GATE-WAY... AN
ENTRANCE OF
SOME KIND...



THE WALKER STEPPED WARILY
ONTO THE NEW PATH...



THE NIGHT WIND CARRIED A SOUND TO THE
WALKER'S EARS... THE SOUND OF
A SOUL IN DESPAIR...

SOMEONE IS TROUBLED... THOUGH
I AM LOATH TO FOLLOW THIS STRANGE
PATH, I FEEL I MUST!



VORTIGEN PASSED BETWEEN THE HUGE
STONES... AND THERE...

NO! I CAN SCARCE
BELIEVE WHAT MY
EYES BEHOLD...



AAAUUUUHHH!
MMFFFF...

'TIS
MOONDOG!

GO BACK, VORTIGEN...
GO BACK, BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE! YOU'RE WALKING
INTO A TRAP!



HEARING AN OMINOUS RUMBLING,
VORTIGEN TURNED TO FACE THE
ENTRANCE THROUGH WHICH HE
HAD PASSED...

THE STONES HAVE
FALLEN... BLOCKING
THE PATH!

SOME UNGEEN
HAND IS AT WORK
HERE...



... SOME FORCE IS TOYING
WITH US, A MAGICKAL FORCE
THAT EQUALS MY OWN... FOR
UNLESS I AM MUCH
MISTAKEN...



YOWP!

... WE ARE TRAPPED
IN A CIRCLE OF
POWER!



HA! HOW DO YOU FIND MY LITTLE
GAME, VORTIGEN? AMUSING IS
IT NOT? EVEN THE STONES
OBEY MY COMMAND!

CORMAC!



THE BATTLE FOR MOONDOG RAGES - NEXT WEEK!

THE UNCANNY TIME-MASTER STRIKES AGAIN!

ANT-MAN!

LAST WEEK WE SAW HOW ELIAS WEEMAS WAS SACKED FOR BEING TOO OLD! HE SWORE VENGEANCE ON SOCIETY WITH A NEW VISION... AGE!

"IF I CAN CREATE ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY WHICH WILL INCREASE THE MOTION OF THE BODY'S ATOMS... THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO QUICKEN THE ATOMIC ACTIVITY OF ALL LIVING TISSUES... AND THUS CAUSE THEM TO AGE!"

WEEMAS TRIED HIS INVENTION ON A TREE...

MY MACHINE WORKED PERFECTLY! BUT THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST EXPERIMENT! NOW I MUST CONDUCT A MORE AMBITIOUS TEST... USING AN ANIMAL LIFE FORM!

AND WHAT BETTER PLACE TO FIND ANIMALS THAN THE LOCAL ZOO? BUT, FATE IS SPINNING HER GRIM WEB, FOR AMONG THE SPECTATORS WAS HENRY PYM...

AS THE ANT-MAN, I'M SO CONCERNED WITH TINY INSECTS, THAT I SELDOM THINK ABOUT THE LARGER CREATURES OF EARTH!

"WOULDN'T IT BE IMPRESSIVE IF I COULD CONTROL THOSE HUGE MAMMALS THRU MY CYBERNETIC HELMET AS EASILY AS I CONTROL ANTS? I COULD MAKE THEM DO ANYTHING..."

BUT HENRY PYM'S DAYDREAM IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY A STARTLING SIGHT!

LOOK!

I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

THE BABY ELEPHANT! IT'S GETTING BIGGER!

IT'S GROWING INTO MATURITY, RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!

AND, WITHIN A FEW FANTASTIC SECONDS...

IT'S AGED SO MUCH, IT SEEMS OLDER THAN ITS OWN PARENT NOW!

ANOTHER SUCCESS! NOW I'LL JUST SWITCH ON THE ANTI-MATTER ENERGY BEAM, AND REVERSE THE PROCESS...

NOW THE ELEPHANT'S GROWING SMALLER! IT'S GETTING YOUNGER!

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF RAY TRAPPED ON THE ANIMAL! IT'S COMING FROM THE SHADOWS BACK THERE!

THIS WAS THE AREA WHERE THE RAY CAME FROM! BUT IT'S GONE NOW!

ONLY ONE REMAINING TEST! THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF ALL!

LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY...



AFTER ELIAS WEEMS RESTORES HIS VICTIM TO HER RIGHTFUL AGE...



THE FOLLOWING DAY...



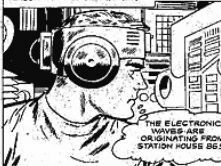
AS THE OFFICERS SPEAK, THEIR WORDS ARE PICKED UP BY THE TINY ANTENNAE OF SEVERAL ANTS WITHIN THE STATION HOUSE...



THE ANTS THEN SEND OUT ELECTRONIC IMPULSES, WHICH ARE DETECTED AND RELAYED BY COUNTLESS OTHER ANTS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE CITY...



THE MESSAGE TRAVELS ON AND ON THRU THE VAST INERT NETWORK, UNTIL IT FINALLY REACHES THE COMMUNICATIONS NERVE CENTER... THE LABORATORY OF HENRY PYM!



CHANGING INTO HIS COSTUME, PYM RELEASES HIS REDUCING GAS...



...AND ENTERS HIS CATAPUULT...



THEN, TRAINING THE MINIATURE DEVICE ON AN ALLEY NEAR THE POLICE STATION, THE TINY CRIME-FIGHTER SHOOTS HIMSELF INTO THE AIR!



ON THE TRAIL OF THE TIME-MASTER - NEXT WEEK!

HONG KONG PROVIDES THE SINISTER SETTING FOR...

NICK FURY

Agent of

SHIELD

SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



HONG KONG: WITH SPECIAL CLEARANCE, NICK FURY'S JET COMES IN TO LAND AT KAI TAK THE MOST DANGEROUS AIRSTRIP IN THE WORLD...



FROM THERE, A HELICOPTER WHISKS THE SHIELD RAMROD ACROSS THE BAY TO HIS LOCAL H.Q. ON HONG KONG ISLAND...



AND A MEETING WITH JIMMY WOO...



BUT...



AND, AS THE TAPE IS PLAYED BACK...



AH, COLONEL, MAY I PRESENT ANNIE WONG... SHE'S ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT WITH SHIELD SINCE SHE RETIRED FROM THE LOCAL MOVIE BUSINESS...



THEN FURY'S MUSINGS ARE INTERRUPTED... BY A CALL FROM DUM DUM DUGAN... IN EGYPT...



SEEMS THE MAIN ASIAN GROUP'S BASED IN THAILAND... BUT NUMBER ONE'S RIGHT THERE ON YOUR DOOR-STEP... IN HONG KONG...



OKAY, DUM DUM... LET ME KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU TURN UP...





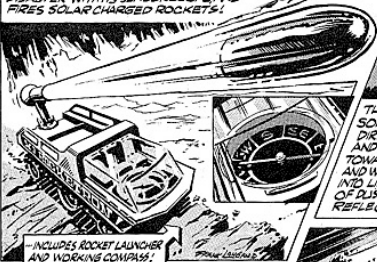


NEXT WEEK: REVEALED! THE LEADER OF THE SEPT!

IN A FICTITIOUS DISASTER-WRECKED WORLD OF THE 21ST CENTURY, THE ELEMENTS REBEL AGAINST MAN! A TASK FORCE IS CREATED TO SEEK AND COMBAT THE UNNATURAL MENACE... IT IS CALLED...

THE X-PLORATRONS

THE **ROCKETRON** (WITH ITS CATERPILLAR TRACKS) TRAVERSES ICY WASTES, LOCATING IMPENDING DISASTER WITH ITS SENSORSCOPE AND FIRES SOLAR CHARGED ROCKETS!



...INCLUDES ROCKET LAUNCHER AND WORKING COMPASS!

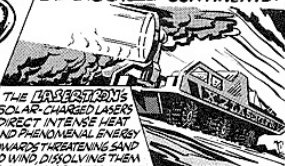
WHIRTLING METEORITES ARE SMASHED AND CONTROLLED BY THE **MAGNETRON**... THEN MAGNETICALLY COLLECTED FOR ANALYSIS.



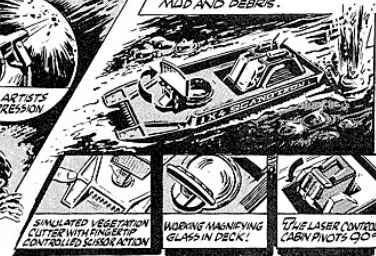
...INCLUDING WORKING MAGNET WITH RELEASE LEVER ON SLIDING PIVOT ARM! SAMPLES CELL WITH SLIDING DOOR!

DRAMATIC AND SUDDEN PRESSURE CHANGES IN THE ARID BELT CAUSE HURRICANES AND SANDSTORMS THREATENING TO ENGULF CONTINENTS!

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SHIELD AGENTS HIT BACK AT THE SPACE GODS!

THE ETERNALS

THE ANCIENT GODS, IN COLLECTING HUMAN SPECIMENS, HAVE SCORPED UP THREE SHIELD AGENTS! REALISING THEIR PREDICAMENT, AGENT STEVENSON PLANS TO HIT BACK!



STEVENSON'S LEFT HAND IS TIGHTLY CLENCHED AND HELD OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND HIS BACK! IF THERE IS AN ACE CARD, IT IS HIDDEN IN HIS FIST--AND READY TO BE USED!!



THEN STEVENSON MAKES HIS MOVE! HE STUNS AJAK WITH A POWERFUL BLOW TO HIS JAW...
GOT HIM!
WAW!
GO, STEVENSON, GO!
USN!



THIS HAYMAKER SHOULD PUT HIM DOWN!
KRAY!
STOP! THIS IS MADNESS!



DOCTOR DAMIAN MAKES A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE... BUT HE IS NO MATCH FOR EXPERIENCED SHIELD AGENTS!!
EASY DAD!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEN ARE UP TO-- BUT I TELL YOU, IT'S USELESS!
WE'LL FIND THAT OUT SOON ENOUGH!! GOOD LUCK, STEVENSON!! REMEMBER TO TAKE COVER!
FOOLS!! FOOLS!!



STEVENSON RACES UP THE STONE STEPS LEADING TO AN OPENING IN THE TEMPLE ROOF...
NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT THESE COCKAMAMIE LEGENDS ARE MADE OF!
SHIELD WANTS SOLID FACT, NOT OLD WIVES TALES!



GODS, DEVILS, OR SPACE GIANTS--THIS TACTICAL NUCLEAR DEVICE WILL DECIDE WHAT THEY ARE!
TICK-
TICK-
TICK-
TICK-



THE SMALL NUCLEAR BOMB FLIES FROM STEVENSON'S HAND THE MOMENT THAT ONE OF THE GIANTS COMES INTO VIEW...
CHEN ON THIS, MUSTER BIS!!



SUPPENLY, THE BOMB'S MOMENTUM DIMINISHES UNTIL IT HALTS IN ITS FLIGHT!! THEN IT HANGS IN MID-AIR--SUSPENDED AND BLUE-BEATING OUT IT SONG OF DOOM!!
TICK-
TICK-
TICK-



TEFRAL OF THE FOURTH HOST, WHO CAN DETECT THE MOVEMENT OF THE SMALLEST GRAIN OF SAND IN THE WIND, HAS SEEN THIS OBJECT AND REACHES FOR IT...

HIS HAND CLOSES UPON IT AND RISES HIGH ABOVE HIS HEAD. TEFRAL KNOWS FULL WELL WHAT WILL HAPPEN. HE WAITS PATIENTLY FOR THIS TICKING TO STOP. THEN--!!!



WHEN THE BLINDING FLASH AND THE ROARING ECHOES HAVE SUBSIDED, TEFRAL FEELS THE ESSENCE OF THE BOILING VAPORS RISING FROM HIS MAMMOTH PALM. THE THOUGHT OF THOSE WHO WOULD DETONATE PLUTONIUM WITH SUCH RASH ABANDON IS A SADDENING ONE, INDEED!



THE HOST ASSEMBLES AND STANDS OBEDIENTLY. THEIR BROTHERS ARE MANY AND STAND THUS ON A THOUSAND WORLDS WHERE THE SAME TASK MUST BE DONE. THE SEEDS OF AWARENESS ARE SOWN IN THE GALACTIC FIRMAMENT... THEY GROW WITH GREAT CLAMOR.

THEY REACH FOR THE STARS BUT THEY ARE FOREVER CUT DOWN BY THE FOURTH HOST!! THIS HAS PROCEEDED SINCE BEFORE GENESIS WAS WRITTEN... AND WILL CONTINUE

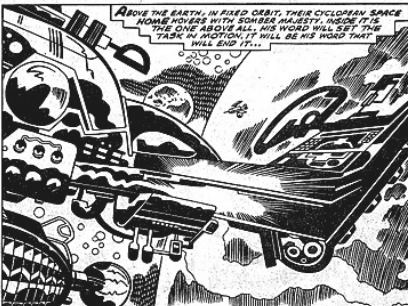
UNTIL...
THE
DAY OF
ALPHA



THUS, IT BEGINS! WHEREVER THE FOURTH HOST MUST DO ITS TASK THE SURVIVAL CREATURES, HAVING REACHED THEIR TECHNICAL Maturity, LEAD WITH A FEAR BEYOND THEIR PAST BEHAVIOR... ISN'T IT STRANGE NOW THEY SEEM TO SENSE THAT THIS IS THE

TIME!

JEMIAN APPROACHES... HE IS GATHERING ALL TO RECEIVE THE WORD.



ABOVE THE EARTH, IN FIXED ORBIT, THEIR CYCLOPSAN SPACE HOME HOVERS WITH SOMBER MAJESTY. INSIDE IT IS THE ONE ABOVE ALL, HIS WORD WILL SET THE TASK IN MOTION. IT WILL BE HIS WORD THAT WILL END IT...

HE SENDS DOWN HIS MESSAGE ON A LASER BEAM... TEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO, SEEN ONCE BEFORE BY THE ANCIENT EARTH... IT WAS CALLED THE LADDER OF FIRE!!



THE "LADDER OF FIRE" HAS NOW BECOME A BLAZING COSMIC PILLAR WHICH DISSOLVES THE STANDING HOST IN WHITE ENERGY...

LOOK! THAT THING IS ENGULFING THE GIANTS!



SILENCE... PAIN... AND SLOW RETURN TO A WORLD NOW FILLED WITH STRANGE ANOMALIA. STEVENSON IS FIRST TO GATHER HIS THOUGHTS...

W-WHAT WAS THAT THING? I-I SWALLOWED THE GIANTS... AND NOW THEY'RE GONE!!



AND I TELL YOU, MISTER SHIELD AGENT, THAT NEITHER YOU NOR I WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS!



LIKE THE MOUNTAINS, VISIBLE BEYOND THE TRANSPARENT WALLS, THE MAMMOTH FIGURE TOWERS WITH AN AGELESS SERENITY...



THERE'S A SARCOPHAGUS UP THERE! WE KNOW THAT... AND NO MORE!

FEAR-STRICKEN HUMANS! IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A CODED VOICE-- DECORATING ITSELF!



IT'S JUST INCREDIBLE! THEY HANDLE A BOMB LIKE A BOMB... AND TALK IN WAYS THAT MAKE NASA LOOK LIKE A GARAGE SCHOOL!!

YEAH... BUT THOSE ARE THE FRILLS! WHAT'S THE MEAT OF IT??

WHY ARE THEY HERE?



A MOMENT LATER, THE HOST HAS VANISHED! THEY HAVE ENTERED, AND ARE PART OF THE "WHEEL" WITHIN A WHEEL. THEY HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO THE BASIC FORM OF ALL MATTER!!

QUICK!! COVER YOUR EYES! T-THIS IS LIKE WATCHING TEN HYDROGEN BOMBS GOING OFF AT ONCE!



A-AFTER WHAT WE'VE SEEN HERE, MY MEN AND I MUST GET BACK TO SHIELD STATING NOW!

IMPOSSIBLE, STEVENSON.



NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP US! NOTHING!!

HE WILL!! IT SEEMS YOU OVERLOOKED HIS PRESENCE DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS!



WHAT? IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE? YOU MAY DIE LAUGHING IF YOU ATTEMPT TO LEAVE. I ADVISE YOU NOT TO DO SO!



BUT, YOU'RE GOING TO TRY IT ANYHOW, AREN'T YOU?

GOT TO, AJAK... RISK IS A PART OF THE JOB... I'M SORRY I BELTED YOU... YOU'RE OKAY...

SO LONG, DOC...

GOOD LUCK, STEVENSON...

WARY OF THE IMMOBILE GIANT, THE SHIELD AGENTS RACE DOWN THE PINKAND STEPS IN A BID FOR FREEDOM...



THIS IS IT, FELLAS! KEEP GOING! DON'T STOP UNTIL YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR!

S'M HIP!

IT'S WRITTEN IN MYTHOLOGY THAT THE GODS ARE UNPREDICTABLE!! DO YOU THINK THOSE COURAGEOUS FOOLS MIGHT POSSIBLY--MAKE IT?

I AM AN ETERNAL, NOT A CELESTIAL! IT IS NOT MY WILL THEY DEFY!

THE ANSWER COMES SWIFTLY... IN A BLINDING, SEARING FLASH, FROM WHICH THE RECORD WITH INSTINCTIVE ACTION!



AWAK!! W-WHAT WAS THAT? Y-YOU DON'T THINK--

NO, I DON'T THINK THOSE MEN ARE DEAD; BUT I'M QUITE CERTAIN THAT THEY DIDN'T ESCAPE...



W-WHAT HAPPENED? W-WHAT WAS DONE TO THEM?

NOTHING THAT WASN'T DONE BEFORE... BE ASSURED, DOCTOR, OUR VISITORS WILL SPEND THEIR NEXT FIFTY YEARS IN RELATIVE CALM.



AWAK KNOWS WHAT LIES AT THE FOOT OF THE PINKAND STEPS. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT STORED ATOMS EXPERIENCE NO DISCONTENT...



ARISENEM, THE MIGHTIEST OF THE FOURTH HOST, HAVING ENFORCED HIS WILL, RAISES HIS HAMMOTH ARM TOWARD THE SKY. IT SIGNALS THE BEGINNING OF THE FIFTY YEAR JUDGMENT -- THE FINAL STAGE OF AN EXPERIMENT CARRIED OUT BY THE CELESTIALS, AMONG THE COUNTLESS STARS, ON COUNTLESS WORLDS LIKE EARTH, IN THE FOND HOPE OF GENERATING WHAT THE CELESTIALS TERM AS ALPHA DAY!

BUT ENDLESS TIME HAS PRODUCED ENDLESS FAILURE! THUS, ARISENEM STANDS READY TO DO WHAT HE HAS ALWAYS DONE.

HE IS A PLANET-KILLER!! ENGRAVED ON HIS THUMB IS THE FORMULA FOR WORLD DESTRUCTION!! IF EARTH FAILS-- EARTH DIES!!



NEXT! DON'T MISS IT!!! MYSTERIES AND MONSTERS IN THE

CITY OF THE TOADS



THE MYSTERIOUS NIGHT-RAVEN

NIGHT-TIME IN THE CITY... NIGHT-RAVEN HAS INTERCEPTED A GANG OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS, THE INFAMOUS CHINESE DRAGON TONG, LED BY THE DEADLY DRAGON FIRE! THE TONG LEADER ESCAPES IN A LAUNCH, BUT NIGHT-RAVEN DOESN'T GIVE UP!



GET AWAY FROM THAT WHEEL!

MADMAN! YOU'LL KILL US BOTH!

WITH A DESPERATE EFFORT, NIGHT-RAVEN DRAGGED THE WOODED VILLAIN AWAY FROM THE WHEEL... AND HEAVED HIM OVERBOARD!



WHIA-A-T?

THE LAUNCH IS OUT OF CONTROL... ABOUT TO HIT! IT'S TIME TO GET WET AGAIN!

THE LAUNCH HIT A BARGE THAT WAS CARRYING OIL... AND...



WHUUUUMPI!

IN THE DARK DEPTHS OF THE MURKY WATERS, NIGHT-RAVEN WAS SAFE FROM THE EXPLOSION... BUT NOT FROM THE WEAPONS OF DRAGONFIRE!



THIS MAN IS A WALKING ARSENAL HE CONJURES WEAPONS FROM NOWHERE!

AS IF IN A SLOW-MOTION DANCE OF DEATH, THE TWO COMBATANTS SWIRLED AROUND EACH OTHER... IMPEDED BY THE SLUGGISH WATER AND THE PAIN OF BURSTING LUNGS...



IF I CAN JUST SWING HIM OVER... AND GET A FOOT TO HIM...

... LIKE SO!



NIGHT-RAVEN'S EFFORTS HAD TAKEN THEIR TOLL... HIS WHOLE BODY WAS SCREAMING FOR...



AIR! I MUST GET SOME AIR!

BUT INSTEAD OF AIR... THERE WAS ONLY FIRE! FIRE THAT SEEMED ALIVE AS IT CLUNG TO HIM, SCORCHING AND SEARING!



NIGHT-RAVEN'S MASK SAVED HIM FROM TERRIFYING BURNS... BUT STILL SHOCKED AND STUNNED, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN THE GRIP OF A POWERFUL CURRENT!



BEING SWEEPED ALONG... CAN'T STOP MYSELF!

THE POWERFUL SURGE SWEEPED OVER HIM... EXTINGUISHING THE BURNING OIL... BUT NOW FRESH DANGER THREATENED...



I'M GOING INTO THE SEWER INLET!

THAT THUNDERING
NOISE AHEAD...IT
SOUNDS LIKE A...

...WATERFALL!

EXHAUSTED...HIS STRENGTH
GONE, NIGHT-RAVEN COULD ONLY
DRAIFT IN THE CALM WATER OF THE
OUTFALL...BURNED,
BRAISED AND BATTERED, HIS
THOUGHTS TURNED TO...

DRAGONFIRE...
I WONDER WHAT
BECAME OF HIM?

THEN A SUDDEN MOVEMENT CAUGHT HIS EYE...

SO HE'S HERE!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN
...HE'S STILL ONE
JUMP AHEAD!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT...
AND THERE'S NO WAY UP!
I DON'T KNOW! WHAT MAY
BE WAITING FOR ME AHEAD,
BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY
I CAN GO!

AT THAT MOMENT...AT THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE DRAGON TONG...ONE OF DRAGON-
FIRE'S SMUGGLERS HAS AN AUDIENCE
WITH HIS SUPREME LEADER...

SPEAK NOW,
CUR... YOUR
LEADER
AWAITS!

FORGIVE ME, EXALTED
... WE FAILED! THE
POLICE WERE WAITING
FOR US...THE CONSIGN-
MENT WAS LOST!

DRAGONFIRE
FELL FOUL OF
THE ACCUSED
MASKED ONE
...THE NIGHT-
RAVEN!

YI YANG, LEADER OF THE DRAGON TONG...RADIANT
AS A ROSE, BUT WITH A HEART AS COLD AS STEEL...

NIGHT-RAVEN!
THAT MEDDLESOME
FOOL...YET SURELY
HE IS NO MATCH
FOR DRAGONFIRE...

HOW COULD
THIS BE ALLOWED
TO HAPPEN? THIS
WHOLE INCIDENT
IS A CHAPTER OF
FAILURE... AND
FAILURE WILL
NOT BE
TOLERATED!

THE DRAGON TONG
IS TOO POWERFUL TO
SHOW WEAKNESS
OF ANY KIND! THE
PRICE IS TOO HIGH...

JUST AS
THE PRICE
YOU MUST
PAY FOR
FAILURE...
IS DEATH!

YI YANG'S FAN WAS MADE FROM
THIN SHEETS OF FINE STEEL...
BEATEN TO A RAZOR'S EDGE! AND
HURLED WITH DEADLY ACCURACY!



GAAAAAK!

GO! TAKE ALL AVAILABLE
MEN AND COMB THE
STREETS OF THE CITY! DON'T
COME BACK UNTIL YOU'VE
FOUND DRAGONFIRE...

TELL HIM
TO BRING ME
NIGHT-RAVEN'S
HEAD...OR TO
FACE DEATH
HIMSELF!



AND SO THE SEARCH BEGAN...THE
FORCES OF THE DRAGON TONG
WOULD SOON BE PORING THROUGH
THE STREETS...WHILE BELOW
THEM, ANOTHER SEARCH WAS IN
PROGRESS...



AND LITTLE DID NIGHT-RAVEN
KNOW, THE QUARRY WAS
CLOSER THAN HE IMAGINED!

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THE ALL-SEEING WATCHER CONTINUES THE TALE OF..

PART FOUR

This Monster This Man!

by Thomas & Trimpe

WHAT IF THE HULK HAD ALWAYS HAD BRUCE BANNER'S BRAIN?

THESE LAST FEW WEEKS I, THE WATCHER, HAVE TOLD YOU OF ANOTHER EARTH... A WORLD WHERE THE HULK RETAINS THE MIND OF DR. BRUCE BANNER. JOIN US NOW AS 'E AND REED RICHARDS ATTEMPT AN EXPERIMENT ON THE BEING KNOWN AS THE THING.



"FOR A TIME, LIFE PROCEEDS BLISSFULLY IN THE FABLED ONE ARCADE..."



"AND EVEN THE INEVITABLE RAIN OF NIGHT CANNOT MAR THE BEAUTIFUL DAYS."



"FROM DAWN TILL DUSK, BANNER WORKS SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE BRILLIANT, SUPER-POWERED REED RICHARDS..."



"... BOTH FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY AND TOWARD AN ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF HIS OWN UNIQUE PROBLEM."

"EVEN THE FACT THAT SOLUTION ESCAPES THEM DOES NOT MAR THEIR DEDICATION."

"THEN ONE DAY..."

**BLEEP
BLEEP**

"UH OH! WE'VE GOT AN UNWANTED VISITOR!"

"WHO COULD IT BE... REED? BEN... MURVE JEMMY?"



"NEGATIVE DO! THEY'VE STILL GOT THEIR OWN SIGNAL-STOPPING KEYS."

"GET SET FOR ANYTHING WHEN THAT DOOR OPENS!"

"CHECK!"



"TURNS LIKE THIS I WISH I COULD CHANGE TO THE WALK AT WILL!"

"WHO? - I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE, BUT..."

"PARDON MY INTRUSION... BUT I THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE TO PROVE TO YOU I COULD ACTIVATE YOUR SPECIAL ELEVATOR FROM BELOW BY SHEER MENTAL POWER."

"MY NAME IS ALEXANDER 'CHUCKLES' XAVIER, AND..."

"XAVIER'S REED... HE'S THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITY ON MUTANTS!"



"DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!"

"THEN, PERHAPS YOU'LL LET ME COME TO YOU HERE IN YOUR SECRETIVE WORK."

"SAY NO MORE, WITH DR. SANDERS' WELCOME ABOARD!"

"I HOPE THAT, TOGETHER, THE THREE OF US WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SCIENTIFIC WONDERS!"

"AND, WELL INTO 1965, THEY DO... PART OF THEIR RESEARCH CENTERING ON A TOP-SECRET DEVICE KNOWN ONLY AS THE 'PSYCHOTRON'..."

"THIS HAS BEEN A MOST PRODUCTIVE THREE YEARS, GENTLEMEN."

"I'M TRULY GLAD I CAME HERE INSTEAD OF FORMING A SCHOOL FOR MUTANTS AS I HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED."

"GO AHEAD, MR. BEAL... ALICIA!"

"GO AHEAD, MR. BEAL... ALICIA!"



"!! YOURSELVES! STILL PLAYING AROUND SCIENTISTS, INC.?"

"WE JUST STUPID BY TO TELL YOU THAT... WE'RE EXPECTING A BABY."

"THAT'S GREAT NEWS! WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU... SOON AS WE FINISH READING THESE COORDINATES."

"WHY, HELLO, ALICIA... BEN, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU BOTH."



"IF ONLY GUE AND I COULD STOP THOSE THREE FROM WORKING TO THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION FROM EVERY DAY..."

"THEN, ONLY A FEW DAYS LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BAXTER BUILDING..."



"THIS CERBERO MACHINE OF YOURS WAS A GREAT IDEA, PROF!"

"YES, WITH IT WE'LL SOON BE ABLE TO DETECT SUPER-POWERED BEINGS THAT WALK AMONG US... WHETHER MUTANTS OR NOT."

"MY PREVIOUS IDEA, OF COURSE, WAS MERELY TO FIND OTHERS WHO, LIKE WHOLE ARE MUTANTS."

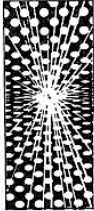
"BUT THIS WAY, IT CAN BE OF MORE GENERAL USE TO..."

"BOTH OF YOU... HOLD UP!"



"SHIFT CERBERO OFF... AND FAST!"

"WE'VE GOT A RUNAWAY OVERLOD..."





Next Week:

THE HULK AND REED RICHARDS MUST FACE...

The Power of



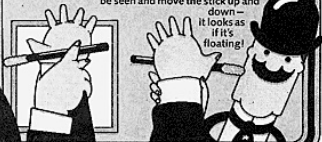
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